

In the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 28 in the Specification at pages 5 and 6 beginning with “Alternative network and geographic distributions...” with the following amended paragraph:

[28] Alternative network and geographic distributions of the various devices, servers, workstations, and data storage areas may also be employed. Similarly, the various devices, servers, and workstations may be implemented separately as shown or they may be integrated into multifunctional devices. For example, the scheduling server 40, data server 50, and forecast server 60 may be combined into a single device. Also, the data storage areas ~~40~~ 42, ~~50~~ 52, and ~~60~~ 62 may be combined, whether their corresponding servers are separate or also combined.

Please replace paragraph 52 in the Specification at page 12 beginning with “Fig. 13 is a block diagram illustrating...” with the following amended paragraph:

[52] Fig. 13 is a block diagram illustrating an exemplary computer system 550 that may be used in connection with the various embodiments described herein. ~~For example, the computer system 550 may be used in conjunction with [describe various uses for a general purpose computer in relation to the invention].~~ However, other computer systems and/or architectures may be used, as will be clear to those skilled in the art.